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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Divisional Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

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Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

F. Prats

For:

METHOD FOR PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACID AND

APPARATUS USING THE SAME

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)</u> <u>UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98</u>

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 31, 2001

Sir:

The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 Forms constitute the art of record in the parent application identified above.

The Applicants request the Examiner to initial and return copies of the attached PTO-1449 Forms as an indication that the references have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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